wherever warranted by the requirement of traffic are being/have been provided. In addition, Railways have also been instructed to select stations for extensive attention so as to bring about visible improvements.

(c) and (d) For 1994-95 the allocation under the Plan Head "Passenger Amenities" is Rs 60 crore which is the same as the original Budget allocation for the year 1993-94. However, due to increased pace of work and allied factors, during 1993-94, funds to the tune of Rs 63 crore were provided in the Revised Estimates for 1993-94.

Promotion of Ticket Collectors in Railways

6825. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL Alias MEEN AFFZAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all ticket collectors have to pass P-6A course before promotion to the grade of Rs. 1600-2660;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in Delhi Division almost all ticket collectors working in grade of Rs. 1600-2660 have not yet passed this course;

(c) whether is a fact that some of them without qualifying the course were promoted to the grade of Rs. 2000-3200 which is a clear violation of rules;

(d) if so, by which date Railway shall get all these Ticket Collectors qualified in P-6A course; and

(e) what action is going to be taken against the defaulters for violation of Rule if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir. On Northern Railway all Ticket Collectors have to pass P-6A course for promotion to grade Rs. 1600-2660.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) Yes, sir. Provisional promotion orders have been issued pending passing of P-6A course so as to avoid delay in giving benefit of restructuring effective from 1.3.1993 to employees.

(d) The staff shall be booked in batches for the qualifying P-6A course at the earliest opportunity.

(e) Does not arise.

Gauge conversion between Samastipur Jayanagar and Darbhanga-Narkatia Ganj

6826. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the decision taken by the then Railway Minister in 1975 (March' 75) regarding conversion of metre gauge into broad gauge between Samastipur-Jayanagar and Darbhanga-Narkatia Ganj and new railway lines from Muzzafarpur to Sitamarhi Via Runnisaidpur on the North Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, what are the details of the work done so far in this regard stating the present position of the work; and

(c) what are the present and future plans of Government about the concerned work and the time fixed for the implementation of Government decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Conversion of Samastipur-Darbhanga is in progress.

(c) Conversion of Samastipur-Darbhanga will be completed in 95-96. There is no proposal for conversion of the other lines listed in this question or for construction of Muzaffarpur-Sitamari new line at present.

रेलवे स्टेशनों के निकट रेल यात्री निवासों/होटलों का निर्माण

6827. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या रेलवे ने देश में रेलवे स्टेशनों के निकट रेल यात्री निवासों अथवा होटलों के निर्माण के